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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1774**

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 05788.0156

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Cesare BISLERI et al.

Application No.: 09/785,557

Filed: February 20, 2001

For: FIRE-RESISTANT AND WATER-
RESISTANT HALOGEN-FREE
LOW-VOLTAGE CABLES

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In reply to the Final Office Action of February 20, 2003, and pursuant to
37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 53 and 83 with amended claims 53 and 83 as follows:

53. (Amended) A fire-resistant and water-resistant low-voltage electrical cable
comprising:

a conductor;

a first inner layer to protect said conductor against water, said first inner layer
comprising a crosslinked or uncrosslinked polymer compound containing no halogen,

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